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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of) Examiner: Robert C. Watson
JEFFERSON L. WAGNER) Art Unit: 3723
Application No. 10/811,625)
Filed: March 29, 2004)
For: TOOL FOR EXTRACTING AN)
EMBEDDED ELONGATED OBJECT)

PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUANCE UNDER 37 CFR §1.313(c)(2)

Commissioner for Patents
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Attn: Office of Petitions

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions under 37 CFR §1.313(c)(2) for withdrawal of the above-cited patent application from issuance in favor of continued examination (RCE enclosed), so that the Patent Examiner might consider the references cited in the enclosed Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. The issue/publication fee was mailed to the US Patent & Trademark Office on May 25, 2006, and a patent is scheduled to issue on July 18, 2006. The enclosed PTO-1449 includes documents that were cited in Applicant's PCT/US2005/010169, and are cited in Applicant's co-pending US patent application #11/237,401 (a CIP of 10/811,625). Copies of the two foreign references cited in the attached Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement are also enclosed.

A check for the \$130.00 petition fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(h) is enclosed. A check for the \$395.00 RCE filing fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(e) is also enclosed, along

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with the Request for Continued Examination. Due to the thickness of the packet and the checks, these items are being mailed to the US Patent & Trademark Office today via US Postal Service Express Mail (per a telephone call to the Office of Petitions today). Please advise if any additional information is required.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that the US Patent & Trademark Office withdraw the above-cited patent application from issuance in favor of continued examination and consideration of the enclosed Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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